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MENTS TO U.S. FORCES OVERSEAS

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CAN EMBASSY CLARIFY FOR OUR INFORMATION WHAT IS MEANT BY
PHRASE U.S. FORCES IN REFTEL AND WHAT PROPORTION COVERS
FUEL FOR SIXTH FLEET REQUIREMENTS. WE NOTE THAT TOTAL U.S.
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ENTERING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN
FISCAL 1972 INCLUDED 27.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR POL IN ITALY,
FAR MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER NATO COUNTRY, AND PRESUME LARGE
PART OF THIS WAS FOR NORMAL SIXTH FLEET REQUIREMENTS. DATA
ALSO SUGGESTS THAT ITALY PROVIDED ALMOST ALL OF POL ACQUIRED
BY SIXTH FLEET FROM NATO COUNTRIES BORDERING MEDITERRANEAN.
CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM? KISSINGER

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